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Sir:

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☐   Is a Design application;

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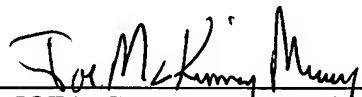
However, the USPTO should **not charge** the Deposit Account if the patent issues within sufficient time to remove the application from the publication queue. The USPTO is requested to notify the undersigned if the Deposit Account is charged.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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